

## **R E M A R K S**

Claims 8 and 9 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-7, which were elected in the parent application, and claims 8 and 9, directed to non-elected Group II in the parent application, are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Specification is amended to update the cross-references to related applications, and to conform to the Specification as otherwise amended in the parent application.

The Drawings are amended as in the parent application.

These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

## **Conclusion**

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

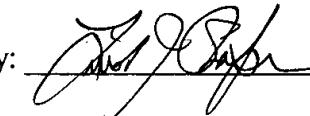
Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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